

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 300
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Billy Holt and the Giles County High School Bobcats on winning the TSSAA Class AA Boys State Basketball Championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Giles County High School boys basketball team have devoted a significant amount of time and effort to practicing and perfecting their skills; and

WHEREAS, at Middle Tennessee State University on Saturday, March 22, 2002, the Bobcats defeated Memphis Ridgeway High School in one of the most exciting State Championship games in TSSAA history; and

WHEREAS, the Giles County High School Bobcats achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2002-2003 season, amassing a remarkable record en route to claiming the school's first-ever Boys State Basketball Championship; and

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WHEREAS, this exemplary team defeated many quality opponents on the road to their State Title; their exhilarating 65-63 win over Memphis Ridgeway High School in the State Championship game was a shining example of the manner in which the Bobcats have persevered to defeat good teams all season; and

WHEREAS, indomitable offensively, the Bobcats made eight straight shots in the last six minutes of the game; and

WHEREAS, several Bobcat players received individual honors, including Tristen Fletcher and Kash Givens, who were named to the All-State Tournament Team, and Tyler Smith who was named to the All-State Tournament Team and was also named the State Tournament's MVP; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding team was composed of Travis Gentry, Josh Haney, Ray Holmes, Eric Howard, Wes Carter, Devin Holt, Shay Shannon, Chris Phillips, Kash Givens, Tyler Smith, Channing Coffee, Corey Perry, Juatin Morris, Tristen Fletcher, Deron Garrett, and Darrin Holt; Head Coach Billy Holt and Assistant Coach Scott Hannah provided expert guidance and leadership to these young men as they dominated Class AA boys basketball competition in 2002-2003; and

WHEREAS, the Giles County High School Bobcats epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the court while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the court; they inspired the Giles County High School student body and united their entire community while completing their triumphal championship run through the 2002-2003 season; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of exemplary young men not only made possible a championship basketball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Giles County High School Bobcats for winning the 2002-2003 TSSAA Class AA Boys State

Basketball Championship and serving as examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Head Coach Billy Holt and the Giles County High School Bobcats on their remarkable 2002-2003 season and State Championship. In becoming TSSAA Class AA State Basketball Champions, the Bobcats have proven themselves to be exemplary and capable young men who are worthy of this General Assembly's accolades.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.